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" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna; Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.
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REP and other TABLE COVERS,

Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING, PILLOW LINEN.

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Assorted Patterns.

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TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

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CLARET in Casks. MALT, HOPS, CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID, CHLORIDE OF LIME &c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!

CHRISTMAS!!!

ROSE & Co. have received, ex Argyle, Feronia, and FRENCH and ENGLISH MAIS, A WELL-SELECTED STOCK, Comprising:—

LADIES' TRIMMED and UNTRIMMED FRENCH BONNETS and HATS.

FRENCH FLOWERS & FEATHERS.

FANCY TIERS and SCARFS.

PLAIN and FANCY LINEN and LACE SETS.

NEW RIBBONS and LACES.

SUNSHADES in all the Newest Patterns.

FRENCH MANTLES and SHAWLS.

DRESS MATERIALS in all the Leading Shades, with VELVETEENS and TRIMMINGS to match.

BLACK and COLOURED SILKS, New Shades.

CHILDREN'S FANCY WOOL WRAPS, COSTUMES, and EMBROIDERED PELLETTES, WOOL GAITERS, HOSIERY, &c.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES.

GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, COLLARS,

HOSIERY, SCARFS and TIES, HAND-KERCHIEFS, TRAVELLING RUGS, &c.

BED and TABLE LINEN.

TAPESTRY and CRETONNE HANGINGS, in all the New Shades and Designs.

TABLE CLOTHS and COVERS, to match.

EIDER DOWN QUILTS.

A GOOD SELECTION of MECHANICAL and other TOYS and GAMES, including ROCKING and VELOCIPEDIC HORSES.

CHILDREN'S FRENCH PERAMBULATORS.

DOLLS' FRENCH PERAMBULATORS,

LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET SETS,

TENNIS MARKERS and BALLS,

THE CLEOPATRA, ROULETTE,

MAGIC FISH, &c., &c., BONBON and CRACKERS, in Great Variety.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEARS' GIFTS for LADIES and GENTLEMEN, in the Latest Novelties and Inventions.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja1

S. A. M. H. I. N. G.

S. S. H. I. N. G.

HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "CYCLOPS,"

AND HAS FOR SALE—

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS,

WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.

TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS,

HATS in Event STYLES.

DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES,

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central,

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja1

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS STORES

—AND—

PRESENTS.

PLUM PUDDINGS, CHRISTMAS CAKES.

MINCEMEAT.

SMYRNA FIGS.

ELVAS PLUMS.

CRYSTALLISED FRUITS.

DRAIGES.

French and English BONBONS.

CHOCOLATE for DESSERT.

ASSORTED COSAQUES.

TELEPHONE CRACKERS.

CONFERENCE CRACKERS.

CAQUEROL CRACKERS.

French and English TOYS.

DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes.

DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX.

DANCING and WALKING DOLLS.

PUNCH and JUDY SHOW.

ROCKING HORSES.

MUSICAL BOXES.

TEA and DINNER SETS.

NOAH'S ARKS.

WHEELBARROWS.

GUNS and SWORDS.

SPADES and PAIRS.

BARREL ORGANS.

French ALBUMS.

LADIES' DRESSING CASES.

GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.

WORK BASKETS and BOXES.

LADIES' COMPANIONS.

PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

CARD RECEIVERS.

STATUETTES.

Bohemian FLOWER VASES.

Pharos Writing CABINETS.

SCENT CASES in Velvet and Crystal.

MOROCCO CIGAR CASES.

Electro-Plated SCISSORS in Cases.

Entertainments.

AMATEUR CONCERT.
ST. ANDREW'S HALL.
THIS EVENING,
(THURSDAY), the 12th December.

**IN AID OF THE SUFFERERS BY
THE CITY OF GLASGOW
BANK FAILURE.**

PROGRAMME:

Part I.

No. 1.—Overture, "Egmont," L. van Beethoven.
Two Flutes (6 hands).
No. 2.—"To Antaeus," J. L. Hatton.
Solo—Baritone.
No. 3.—Allegro Appassionato, Op. 92, R. Schumann.
(Arranged for Two Pianos).
No. 4.—"Florina," Cavatina, Pedrotti.
Solo—Soprano.

Part II.

No. 5.—Overture, "Ruy Blas," F. Mendelssohn.
Two Flutes (6 hands).
No. 6.—"La Note," Miliotti.
Duetto—Soprano & Baritone.
No. 7.—Rondo, Op. 62, C. M. von Weber.
Solo—Pianoforte.
No. 8.—"Das Herz am Rhein," Wilhelm Hill.
Solo—Basso.

No. 9.—"L'Estasi," Vale, Arditi.
Solo—Soprano.

Doors open at 8.30; Concert to commence at 9 o'clock precisely.

TICKETS, 62.
To be obtained at MEERS LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'S, and at the Doors.
Hongkong, December 12, 1878. del13

**THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.**

SATURDAY EVENING,
December 14th, 1878.

Will be produced
"LA VILLE DE MADAME
ANGOT."

MISS C. STANLEY AS CLAIRETTE.
First Appearance in China of the popular
Australian Comedian,
MR. H. P. FRANKLIN.

Re-engagement of
MR. F. HAGEMAN.

**THE FAREWELL BENEFIT
OF
MR. H. VERNON,
WILL BE GIVEN NEXT WEEK.**

The Operas are produced under the Sole
direction of
MR. H. VERNON.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at
Meers Lane, Crawford & Co.'s, where a
Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
Dress Circle or Orchestra
Stalls, TWO DOLLARS.
Pit, ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen
cannot be admitted.
Hongkong, December 12, 1878. del15

GARRISON THEATRE.

BY kind permission of His Excellency
the Major General Commanding,
PROFESSOR MARCO VITZ
IN NEW EXPERIMENTS AT THE
GARRISON THEATRE,
ON
SATURDAY,
the 14th Instant.

Doors Open at 8.30, and Begin at 9 o'clock.

Tickets to be had at the Doors of the
Theatre.

ADMISSION:
Reserved Seats, \$1.00
Second Class, 50
Back Seats, 25
Hongkong, December 11, 1878. del15

Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Veron* having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from
the Wharf or Boat delivery may be ob-
tained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on
unless notice to the contrary be given
before 4 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
12th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 8, 1878. del18

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Attitob Aptz*, having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 7, 1878. del18

Notices to Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Moray* having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and to take immediate delivery of
their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 8, 1878. del13

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenlyon* having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are hereby informed that their Goods—
with the exception of Opium—are being
landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from
the Wharves or Boats delivery may be ob-
tained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
nodes to the contrary be given before 3
p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
18th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, December 14, 1878. del18

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNERS of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Ex "Pei Ho."

N M K (in diamond) 545 Imp. Aldridge
V S C Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases
Millinery.

K J (in diamond) 10, Order, 1 case Haber-
L S C dashery, from London.

J B S' 12, Order, 1 case Flannel, from
London.

S J C 66, Order, 1 case Merino, from
London.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878.

INTIMATIONS.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. ROGERS has Returned and is
Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS
at No. 7, ARTHURTON ROAD.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

LOST.

LAST NIGHT, on the QUEEN'S ROAD,
or in the CITY HALL, a CINGALESE
GOLD LOCKET, containing a Photo-
graph. The Finder will please communicate
with the Office of this Paper, when a
Reward will be given if necessary.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"TANAS."

Commandant DE LA MARCELLE,
will be despatched for YOKO-
HAMA on FRIDAY, the 18th Instant, at
4 p.m.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 12, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"SINDH."

Commandant MORCE, will be
despatched for SHANGHAI
on SATURDAY, the 14th instant, at 7 a.m.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 12, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"SINDH."

Commandant MORCE, will be
despatched for SHANGHAI
on SATURDAY, the 14th instant, at 7 a.m.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, December 12, 1878.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.
Euphrate, from London, in connection
with the above Steamer, are hereby informed
that their Goods are being landed and stored at
their risk and delivered at the Company's Godowns
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from
the Wharf or Boat delivery may be ob-
tained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees before To-morrow, the 18th Inst., at
10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

TENDERS will be Received until the
1st JANUARY, 1879, for the absolute
PURCHASE or LEASE for ONE, Two or Three
Years of all THAT VALUABLE PROPERTY
known as the CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S FOUNDRY, situate
at Hongkew, Shanghai, in the Empire of
China, comprising several Rows of GO-
DOWNS, and several Rows of WORK-
SHOPS, with all TOOLS, &c., complete,
and Covering an Area of about 24 acres.
The Foundry commands a fine River
Frontage of about 800 feet Long, and is
the most complete for the Building and
Repairing of Ships in China.

Applicants are requested to state the
Terms upon which they will take the above
Property.

SIMILAR TENDERS will be Received
until the 1st JANUARY, 1879, for the
COMPANY'S DOCK, situate at Poontung,
Shanghai, in the Empire of China, which
Dock measures 836 feet by 78 feet, Dock
Entrance 72 feet, River Frontage about
1,200 feet, and Covering an Area of about
4 English acres, with Two DWELLING
HOUSES, a BLACKSMITH SHOP and
CARPENTER'S SHED attached.

In case of a Sale, one half of the Pur-
chase Money can remain on mortgage of
the Property assigned, and in the case of
a Lease, substantial security must be given
for the due fulfilment of the terms by the
Lessee. The Company does not bind
itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

For further Particulars, apply to

CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,

Hanover Road,

SHANGHAI.

December 8, 1878. jas

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR LONDON.

The S/S L. I. Swedish Bark
"ALMA"

Captain O. Ohlsson, will be
despatched as above on or
before the 10th January, 1879.

For Freight, apply to

MEYER & CO.,

Hanover, December 8, 1878. del18

NOTICE.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 12, Olympia, for Swatow.

12, Agostura, for Salagon.

12, Ningpo, for Canton.

12, Douglas, for Coast Ports.

12, Amoy, for Marselles, &c.

12, Tejo, Port. g. boat, for Macao.

CLEARED.

Hernine, for Quinhon.

Melbre, for Manila.

Hida, for Nagasaki.

Amoy, for Shanghai.

Quarta, for Saigon.

Christian, for Singapore.

Franklin, for Saigon.

Glenlyon, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Sind, for Hongkong : from Mar-
selle, Mr and Mrs Breton, Dr and Mrs
Wharry, Mr and Mrs Broadfoot, Mr and
Mrs Klitzke, Messrs Tomlins and Kuh-
man ; from Singapore, Mr Conroyr ; from
Saigon, Mrs Melanie Unna, Mr S. Grand,
and 96 Chinese.

Per SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship

"NAMOA,"

Capt. WESTROY, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports on

SUNDAY, the 16th Instant, at Day-
light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO

with Mr. Hennessy we may probably learn in time by an inspiration from Tokio.

We are glad to be able to note the safe arrival of the S. S. *Zamboanga*. As we surmised, she had sought shelter and awaited the weather clearing up. She left Saigon on the 27th ultimo, after having undergone necessary repairs, and had made a good run up as far as the Paracels, when the weather became threatening, and the Captain deemed it advisable to seek shelter. He ran for a place called Cam Ranh Bay, about 140 miles to the northward of Saigon, which he reached on the 29th ultimo, and was joined by a French gunboat. A steamer was seen in the offing, thought to be the *Madagascar*, which was unable to make the Bay, owing to the strong current and heavy seas. After waiting nine days at Cam Ranh Bay the *Zamboanga* weighed anchor and came on. She passed a steamer, supposed to be the *Madagascar* (yellow funnel, black top and white yards), off Cape Varela on the 8th instant.

The Band of the 74th Highlanders will perform the following programme at the Officer's Mess to-morrow night, commencing at 8.45 p.m.—

Quadrille... Un Ballo in Maschera... Strauss Overture... Mirella... Gounod Selection... Gemma di Verdy... Donizetti's Vale... Feste Geister... Strauss Reminiscences of Weber... Galop... Arioso... Rigoletto.

Mr. J. BUCHANAN, Bandmaster.

HEDGE & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 7th December, 1878.—

Arrivals During the Week.—Nov. 29, *Velox*, from Chinkiang; 29, *Ludan*, from Nanchang; 29, *Douglas*, from Hongkong; 4, *Kolga*, from Chinkiang; 4, *Menatitlan*, from Nanchang; 5, *Namoa*, from Hongkong.

Departures During the Week.—Nov. 29, August, for Amoy; Dec. 3, China, for Chinkiang; 2, *Yesso*, for Hongkong; 3, *Agamemnon*, for London; 4, *Hastig*, for Shanghai; 4, *Douglas*, for Hongkong; 4, 4, *Johanna*, *Kremer*, for Kobe; 6, Europe, for Shanghai.

Shipping in Port.—Christian, Quickstep, *Velox*, *Ludan*, *Kolga*, *Menatitlan*, *Namoa*.

CHINESE NOTES.

Speaking of the Bulgarian Kingdom in the 9th century, Lieut. Col. Baker says: "Fires kindled at certain hours of the day conveyed intelligence of hostile incursions, &c." (See Baker's Turkey).

During the Turk-Chinese dynasty of Chow, the deng was burnt upon eminences or towers separated several leagues from each other. The smoke thus caused was said to ascend in a body direct, and not to dissipate itself readily into space [图]. The eminences were called 火堆 or 烟堆 or 烟塔 or 烟火塔, and the beacon fire heralded the approach of an enemy. There are remains of these eminences on the road from Nank'ou (Peking) to Jeho; and if our memory does not fail us, they are still called 狼台 or wolf-towers, by the local rustic.

The monkey appears to contribute extensively to the Chinese pharmacopoeia. The pus collected in the scab of a sick monkey which has sought out herbs for its own cure is used by the Chinese doctors to treat excess of phlegm. Moreover, menstruum simile sanguis ad coecundam lumenorrhoeam neonon contra amenorrhoeam adhibetur. 猴杰 and 猴孫 are the substances in question, but our informant appears a little hazy as to which is which. The former is also called 王猴杰. Both are taken internally, and are mixed up with other substances in a soup [茶] or hot draught.

The Chinese oracle is also consulted by drawing chips of notched bamboo out of a hollowed bamboo case like a large dice-box which is first carefully shaken. [参引] The results are distinguished into 善 and 不善.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Dec. 12, 1878.

DRUNKENNESS.

James Brooke, described as a clerk, was brought up, on remand, charged with being drunk and incapable. Fined half a dollar and ordered to pay forty cents for chair hire; in default, three days' imprisonment.

LARCENY.

Chen Kwei, convicted of stealing one box of clothing valued at \$4 from the steamer *Douglas*, was sent to six months' hard labour, and two hours in the stocks.

FALSE PRETENCES.

Wong Ah, shopman, was charged by Mr. J. Parker, a clerk at the magistracy, with attempting to pass a registration ticket, as his own, which was issued to another man by the Registration department. Fined 50.

CHAIR COOLIES.

Ma Aung, and another, chair coolies to Mr. A. Millar, were charged with refusing to carry their master on the grounds of being overworked and consequently tired. They positively refused to carry Mr. Millar any more. It transpired in the course of the enquiry that they had on Wednesday last carried their master from his house to the Hongkong Hotel and back and afterwards to the Supreme Court and back. Fined half a dollar each; in default, three days' imprisonment.

China.

AMOY.
(Gazette.)

We understand that a cricket match takes place this afternoon (Dec. 5th) at the recreation ground between H.M.S. *Hart* and H.M.S. *Sleekdrake*; and that there will be another match to-morrow afternoon between the British Fleet and Local Cricket Club.

The Revenue cruiser *Feihoo* arrived to-day (Dec. 5) from the Light-houses.

Our readers will observe in the advertising column, a notice issued by the acting Spanish Consul General of this port, that the Government of the Philippine Islands forbids, until further order, the introduction of all classes of Foreign coins into those islands.

The steamer *Glenartney*, Captain Auld, left yesterday (Dec. 5th) for New York via Suez with a cargo of Tea.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, Dec. 5th.)

Subscriptions to the Pagoda Anchorage Mortuary Chapel have now reached the full sum required; and we understand that the building will be commenced at once.

We understand that the Amoy Races are fixed for the 16th, 17th and 18th proximo. Many good ponies are in training, and some good sport is confidently predicted.

A return match at Cricket—first half v. second of the alphabet—was played yesterday. The latter side were again victorious.

The earthquake noticed in our last issue was experienced at about the same hour at Amoy, Swatow, Hongkong, Canton, and other southern ports. It is conjectured that Manilla has suffered severely.

It is stated that the Arsenal Authorities have forbidden the rebuilding of the Chinese houses destroyed at Manay on the 24th ulto. They allege that the ground is required for government purposes.

We hear that the Foochow Cricket Club have sent a challenge to the Hongkong cricketers,—the match to be played on or about the race week. We trust that the colonists will be able to send a team worthy of their fame.

Training at the Tartar Camp is progressing steadily, but the course continues very hard. There was some "bowing" on Wednesday last but without much result in the way of enlightenment an inquisitive public. A few more "cracks" are, we hear, expected from Shanghai.

The damed British ship *Arab*—which was on-side this port some time ago, asking for assistance—was, we hear, blown down to Amoy, her distress signals not having been answered by a Chinese gunboat within half. She was condemned a few days ago, and sold for the comparatively small sum of \$5,500.

The rumour to which we gave publicity a short time ago about the probable retirement of the Viceroy at an early date is, we hear, revived; and it is further stated that in the event of the viceregal office becoming vacant it will be occupied by Ting Futal. Ting's malady will not, it is whispered, preclude his acceptance of the superior post.

We hear that Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co. have started a house in their own name at Swatow, under charge of Captain Pitman, late of the S. S. *Douglas*, who has been in their service as subordinate officer and commander for nearly twenty years.

In consequence of Captain Pitman's retirement from sea-going life, Captain Young will, we understand, take command of the *Douglas*, while the *Taiwan* will be commanded by Captain Abbott.

The native officials have, we understand, had several interviews with H. B. M.'s Consul in regard to the Wu-shih-an Affair, but without leading to any satisfactory settlement. It is understood that the Provincial Government object to rebuilding the house, and that they also persistently decline to arrest Lin Ying Ling and the other implicated members of the literati. These terms are, we believe, insisted upon, and we hope they will be rigidly adhered to.

Another large fire occurred in the western suburb of the City on the afternoon of the 3rd instant. It is said to have originated in the careless casting aside of some "joss" sticks which were left burning in a corner of one of the houses. The fire was first observed at about 2.30 p.m. and spread with great rapidity in a north-easterly direction, though fortunately it was confined to a limited area by firewalls. About six hundred houses—chiefly inhabited by the poorer class, were destroyed, but the loss would have been much greater had there been more wind. We have not heard of any loss of life.

A correspondent at Tamsui writes:—"On the 16th instant (Nov.) the German brig *Diana* grounded off the south entrance to the river and, though the little *Kei-Long* tugged at her vigorously, some days elapsed before she could be moved off the bank. Most of the cargo has been discharged, and the general impression is that the unlucky vessel will—after a little temporary patching up—be able to make Amoy—where it is intended to dock her.

Fever is very prevalent at Tamsui and Kelung; and there have been a number of fatal cases amongst the natives at both places."

We take the following from the *Amoy Gazette* of 26th ultimo:—

Subscriptions to the "David Manson Memorial Hospital" to be erected in Takaio, now amount to nearly \$3,000, and subscribers thereto will be pleased to hear that the work will be commenced very shortly. Chinese officials and merchants in Takaio and Taiwaufo have come forward most liberally, and in some cases have given purely out of respect to the memory of him whom labour in former years they so much appreciated.

Our readers, by a majority of whom the late Doctor David Manson was known and esteemed, will no doubt agree with us in thinking that a more appropriate form of memorial to such an ardent and devoted lover of his noble profession could not be devised; and we trust that this good and useful work will meet with a liberal and general support.

Here is an item of news for our fair readers, which we trust they will turn to advantage. A better field than China for collecting nowhere exists—whether we consider the excellence of the material or the great variety of patterns obtainable,—while collections may be formed at a comparatively moderate cost—"It seems that fan-collecting is to be the rage next season; and it is stated that a lady novelist, taking advantage of the fad, is going to write a book on the theme."

SHANGAI.

(Courier.)

H.M.'s Gunboat *Swinger* arrived to-day (Dec. 5th) from Chinkiang.

The Russian flag-ship *Rysen*, carrying

the flag of Real-Admiral Baron Steckelberg, arrived to-day (Dec. 5th) from Nagasaki.

The sixth Report of the Chinese Hospital and Dispensary in connection with the London Mission, Tientsin, for 1876-7, states that over seven thousand cases were treated during the two years. During the nine years in which the Hospital has been established, over 53,000 cases have been received and more than 121,000 visits paid. The famine of the last few years have caused a great amount of sickness and the work of the Hospital has been much increased in consequence. "Each year," we are told, "there has been pestilence, in the shape of famine or other fevers of a typhus type; and though from the dispensary being unable to give the time needed to attend such cases of their homes, comparatively few are found upon the register, more than once the faithful labours of the staff have resulted in our almost mortal sickness." At the end of 1877 there was a balance owing of £19,48; and further subscriptions are needed to enable the institution to meet the demands made upon it.

We have received a copy of the tenth Annual Report of the Hospital for Chinese of the American Episcopal Mission, Shanghai, for the year 1877. We learn that 19,970 patients were treated at the Hospital during the year, including 167 foreigners (Africans and Malays). There were ten deaths among the indoor patients during the year. The Medical Officers (Drs. Henderson and Zachariae) in the Report remark: "It is greatly to be regretted that the mission has as yet been able to do so little towards the improvement of the premises in which the work of the Hospital is carried on. The usefulness of the Institution continues to be seriously restricted by the condition of the building, which is only fitted for the reception of the poorest class of patients." The Rev. Dr. Nelson adds:—

"We have been striving to accumulate a fund for the erection of a more suitable building for the Hospital, as well as to procure a better site than that on which it now stands. A good site we have not yet got, but shall continue our efforts to secure one, and shall be obliged for help towards this object. The area of ground required need not be large, but it is desirable that it should be not far either from the present hospital, or from the New Police station. The fund for building is now large enough to give good hope of a suitable Hospital, if we had the proper site. The prestige of nine years of service, and of the good done to numbers from various regions around, makes this hospital an institution of considerable value to the natives of many places. We trust that in the future, both in a benevolent and a Christian point of view, its benefits will be yet more extended. To the surgeons who have given their time, their skill and their kindly services to the Hospital, we would like to thank them. At five the workmen are afoot, but most of them will presently be at a standstill *chez le maître* (that term for the keeper of a dram shop—who will supply them with the wherewithal for the 'killing of the worm'). The only other civilians about are the crowds of haggard travellers from Haïfa, Strasburg, Brussels, or Berlin, who have just been turned adrift in Paris from the night train. Those corporals or sergeants in their respective barracks with a glimpse of the market-gardeners discharging at the Halles their carloads of fruit and vegetables for the day's consumption. The vehicles used for these services are the stage-coaches of the provision trade. They are crossed by other highways, a little better deserving of the name, having a dead oxen and sheep for passengers from the abattoirs to all the butchers' shops within the fortifications. 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Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de31

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to Close
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The interest and Good will of his Business
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Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

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CARL DENEKE.

Office, Bank Buildings,
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Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

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THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr
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CHAMP on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 18, 1878. de18

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CHUN-AI-YIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

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